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Title: Frame Structure and Method for Wavelength Concatenated Channel Framing

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3 page(s) Claims
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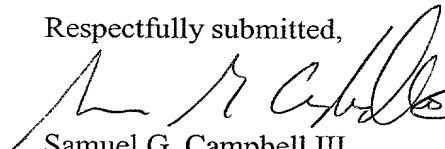
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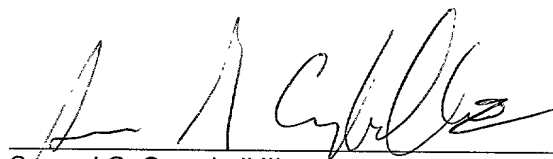
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